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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe, I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or, the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention for ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF FORMING ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTS HAVING ELECTROMIGRATION-INHIBITING SEGMENTS, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked.

was filed on ____ as Application Serial Number ____ and was amended on ____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below.

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PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATIONS

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I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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